

(Washington, D.C) - After voting against the House health care bill last year, U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today voted against the final product of this year-long health care debate.

*“Over the past year, I have listened to the people of our district and believe my ‘no’ vote reflects their values and mine that we simply cannot afford the new spending in this bill, given our massive federal deficits. I believe Congress should have passed a less expensive, bipartisan bill that would have united, not divided, our nation,”* said Edwards.

Edwards voted ‘no’ on all three key votes Sunday: first, on a rule that set the terms of the health care debate; second, on the Senate health care bill; and third, on a package of amendments to the Senate bill known as the reconciliation bill. In the House Budget Committee Monday, Edwards tried to put a stop to this process altogether when he voted against using the reconciliation process to pass the \$940 billion health care bill, a total that exceeds both the House and Senate health care bills.